REMARKS

Claims 1-9 have been canceled. New claims 10-15 have been added. As a result, claims 10-15 are pending.

The specification has been amended to correct minor typographical errors.

Favorable consideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. James
Registration No. 40,661
V 650 903 3502
F 650 903 3501

VAN PELT AND YI, LLP
4906 El Camino Real, Suite 205
Los Altos, CA 94022

<u>VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE</u>

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 4, starting on line 15:

Because network device 102's transmission requires time to propagate to other network devices, these other network devices might be unaware that network device 102's signal is on the channel. In this situation, network [device 102 or 104] <u>another device, such as device 104 or device 106,</u> could transmit its traffic even if network device [108] <u>102</u> had already seized the channel after detecting that the channel was idle. This problem is called the collision window. The collision window is a factor of the propagation delay of the signal and the distance between two competing stations. Propagation delay is the delay that occurs before a network device can detect that another network device is transmitting.